



# AMONG FRIENDS

Friends of the Sacramento Public Library

March/April 2014

## Save the Date!

**Tuesday, March 11, 6:30 pm**  
Friends of Sacramento Public Library  
Board meets at Rancho Cordova  
Library Community Room

**Saturday, March 22**  
Libraries closed – staff furlough day

**Thursday, March 27, 3 pm**  
Sacramento Public Library Authority  
meets in the Board of Supervisors  
Chambers at the County Building,  
700 H Street

**Friday, April 4, 5–8 pm**  
Warehouse Sale for Friends Members  
8250 Belvedere Ave., Suite E,  
Sacramento

**Saturday, April 5, 9 am–4 pm**  
Warehouse Sale ~ Open to the public  
8250 Belvedere Ave., Suite E,  
Sacramento

**Tuesday, April 8, 6:30 pm**  
Friends of Sacramento Public Library  
Board meets at Arcade Library  
Community Room

**Saturday, April 12, 9 am–4 pm**  
Warehouse Sale ~ Open to the public  
8250 Belvedere Ave., Suite E,  
Sacramento

**Saturday, April 18**  
Libraries closed – staff furlough day

**Thursday, April 24, 3 pm**  
Sacramento Public Library Authority  
meets in the Board of Supervisors  
Chambers at the County Building,  
700 H Street



At the Library Authority meeting on January 23, Assembly Member Dr. Richard Pan presented awards to the presidents of all 30 branch Friends affiliates, thanking them for their work and proclaiming "Love Your Library Month". Pictured are Kathy Johnson (Del Paso Heights), front row; middle row (L-R) Jerry Jagers and Pam Whiteley (Rancho Cordova), Karen Thomas (North Natomas), Kathi Windheim (Robbie Waters Pocket-Greenhaven), Dr. Pan, Jo Anne Marie (Valley Hi – North Laguna), President Robert Gorham, Library Director Rivkah Sass ; back row (L-R) Authority board members Kevin McCarty, Jimmie Yee, David Sander, Steve Cohn, Robert Trigg, Angelique Ashby, Susan Peters, Jeffrey Slowey, Roberta MacGlashan, Don Nottoli, Bonnie Pannell, and Barbara Payne.

## Advocacy Update: Sacramento City Council Votes to Put Measure B on June Ballot

By Pauline Grenbeaux, Friends Vice-President

On Tuesday, January 14, with many library supporters in attendance, the Sacramento City Council voted unanimously to place a measure on the June 3 ballot that calls for an additional \$12 per year parcel tax specifically to support libraries. If passed, this measure will help stabilize library funding so that all twelve city branches can continue to operate.

On Wednesday, January 29, representatives from the Friends of the Sacramento Library and the Sacramento Public Library Foundation Boards met with Library staff, Mayor Pro Tem Angelique Ashby, and representatives from the consulting firm Townsend, Raimundo, Besler & Usher to discuss the next steps needed to launch a campaign to support Measure B. Those present at the meeting agreed to take responsibility for certain parts of the campaign process and to locate additional library supporters who can give their help.

Mayor Pro Tem Angelique Ashby will chair the campaign. Kristan Otto will serve as Treasurer. Friends board members Karen Thomas and Jo Anne Marie, wearing their private citizen hats, will take on specific roles for the campaign. Other individuals with connections to the Sacramento Public Library Foundation have also joined the campaign steering committee and will focus primarily on fundraising and endorsements.

If you have questions about the campaign process or if you would like to get involved, please contact Karen Thomas at [katinsac@gmail.com](mailto:katinsac@gmail.com).

*The number one purpose of the Friends of the Sacramento Public Library, as stated in our Articles of Incorporation, is to create public support for expanding the goals and objectives of the Sacramento Public Library and its Branch Libraries, and to advocate for them to the extent permitted by law.*

## Meet the Friends: Karen Lindh

By Carrie Sessarego

Meet Karen Lindh, president of the North-Highlands-Antelope Branch and new head of the Branch Liaison Committee. I met with Karen in the new “Teen Lounge” at the North Highlands Branch, a cozy area with computers, books and magazines, tables and comfy chairs. This new space is the pride and joy of the Friends, who recently donated the money to develop the area from a lackluster space into a fun and functional teen hangout.



Karen became interested in the Library seven years ago, when she joined the Mystery Book Club. She started bringing her grandchildren to the Library and was amazed at how many services it had to offer. Within a year of joining the Friends, she was serving on the North-Highlands-Antelope Friends Board, where she helped organize the branch’s 10th Anniversary celebration.

Karen says that part of why the North-Highlands-Antelope Friends are so successful is due to their close collaboration with Branch staff. “Our teen librarian, Justin Azevedo, has tremendous vision,” says Karen. “The Teen Lounge was his idea. The Children’s librarian, Denise Lee, is always coming up with innovative programs, such as providing a story time in Russian.” At the encouragement of new Branch Manager Kerri Moore, the Friends are moving forward by donating \$6000 towards the updated Lucky Day program as well as introducing hands-on crafting programs for young adult patrons.

In addition to her work at North Highlands-Antelope, Karen is the new head of the Branch Liaison Committee of the FSPL. “The Branch Liaison Committee is a way to circulate information between the ‘Big Friends’ Board and the Branch boards so that we are all familiar with each other...we want to foster a sense of working together—that we are ‘all for one and one for all.’ The focus of all our actions has to be what is best for the library system.”

Karen says that the Friends “are like the grandparents of the Library—they can make sure that libraries can provide what we want in our communities, not just the bare minimums but services tailored to our own local needs.” Karen is living proof of her own maxim: “If you can get volunteers who care about the mission, then you can succeed at anything!”

## April 1 Deadline for Elk Grove Friends Short Story Contest

Elk Grove Friends of the Library is sponsoring a Short Story Contest. Cash prizes will be awarded to winners, 16 years and older. All entries must be submitted by 5 pm, Tuesday, April 1. For further details, please contact Nan Mahon, [nanosecond@comcast.net](mailto:nanosecond@comcast.net) or Jean Kern, [jalicekern@comcast.net](mailto:jalicekern@comcast.net) or see the full-page flyer in the online edition of this newsletter at [www.saclibfriends.org](http://www.saclibfriends.org).



## Nearly 100 Attend Friends Annual Meeting at Fair Oaks Library

By Karen Thomas and Pam Whiteley

It was standing-room only at the Fair Oaks Library on Sunday, January 26, when Friends members from throughout the county gathered to elect board members and officers and listen to author Mary Ellen Burns and Poet Helen Cooper speak. Parliamentarian Lorenzo Cuesta assisted with the election.

The Friends extend special thanks to retiring board members Terry Chekon, Robert Gorham, Ross Kuehner, and Carrie Sessarego. We are grateful for your dedicated service on the Friends board and we look forward to working with you in the future.

### Board Profiles

**Jeff Rubin, President:** Jeff is the vice-president of the Elk Grove Friends. As a member of the FSPL Board, Jeff serves on the Bylaws, Policy & Procedures, Library Education & Advocacy, Branch Liaison and Training Committees. He also has a strong interest in community events and agency partnerships. As a retired disaster medical services manager Jeff enjoys reading, hiking, and travel.

**Pauline Grenbeaux, Vice President:** Pauline is the past president and current vice president of the Arden Dimick Friends. As a member of the FSPL Board, she chaired the Library Education and Advocacy Committee and served as branch liaison to east county branches. A retired museum planner and administrator, Pauline loves audiobooks and has developed a library program to introduce them to book groups. She also loves ice cream and experiments making her own delicious recipes.

**Jo Anne Marie, Secretary:** Jo Anne is the president of the Valley Hi-North Laguna Friends. She also volunteers at the Book Den and is interested in advocacy and working with other branches. As a retired bank operations officer, she loves to travel and maintains an entertainment website in Spanish.

**Mike Willis, Treasurer:** Mike is from the Rancho Cordova Branch. He works in school construction financing and volunteers at his church. He is interested in travel, the Railroad Museum, and his grandkids!

**Bill Dillinger, Board Member:** Bill’s home branch is the Arden-Dimick Public Library. After two terms on the branch board, he continues to serve as a volunteer in charge of counting and depositing the money collected at the library’s book nook. He also writes news releases on the System’s warehouse book sales. He’s a past-president of Sacramento Audubon and recently received their Lifetime Achievement award. While chief of the public information division of State Parks, Bill played a major role in establishing and expanding the State Parks cooperating association program and the League of State Parks Non-Profit Organizations.

**Rose Fratti, Board Member:** Rose’s home branch is Rancho Cordova, where, until her recent resignation, she was first treasurer and then president for the last several years. She is a member of the FSPL committee responsible for mailing out membership renewal notices. Her passions are opera, books, food, and her cat, Zoe.

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**Tony Hackett, Board Member:** Tony is a member of the Central Friends. He is a student and a tutor at McClatchy High School. His career goal is to be a microbiologist.

**Carly Hegle, Board Member:** Carly's home branch is North Natomas, and she also volunteers at the Book Den. She is a member of the Board's training committee and is assisting in drafting suggested modifications to the FSPL policies, procedures and bylaws. Carly is employed full time as a deputy county counsel with Sacramento County, primarily serving as an appellate attorney. She plays tennis, gardens, reads and spends time with her husband, attorney Jack Vetter and her dog and two cats. She also loves to travel, especially to Puerto Vallarta, Mexico.

**Joanne Iwamiya, Board Member:** Joanne's home branch is Elk Grove. She is a member of the FSPL Board's Membership Committee as well as the Policy and Procedures Committee. As a retired registered dietitian, Joanne loves to read and enjoys multiple forms of needlework, including cross stitch, knitting, bargello, Japanese bunko, and tapestry weaving.

**Jerry Jagers, Board Member:** Jerry hails from the Rancho Cordova branch where he has just been elected co-president. He worked as an engineer in the aerospace industry from 1958 through 2000 and retired from Lockheed as director of systems engineering and as chief systems engineer. He currently serves on the board of directors and is webmaster for the Sacramento County Grand Juror's Association. Jerry retired to Sacramento in 2004 and enjoys hunting, hiking, mountain biking, and kayaking the American River.

**Mike Parker, Board Member:** Mike's home branch is North Natomas. He and his wife have volunteered at the Warehouse. Being new to the board Mike has no additional assignments yet. He enjoys walking, computer programming, and stamp collecting.

**Chuck Shulock, Board Member:** Chuck's home branch is Robbie Waters Pocket-Greenhaven. He is board liaison to the Central, Colonial Heights, McClatchy and McKinley branches. Chuck works part time as an environmental policy consultant and, before his retirement, worked at the California Air Resources Board. He enjoys gardening, travel, bicycling, hiking, and reading. His love of libraries began when, as a teenager, he read every science fiction book in the collection of his local library.

**Karen Thomas, Board Member:** Karen is the past president and now vice president of the North Natomas Friends and manager of their Friends' Store. She serves on the FSPL Board as a branch liaison to Del Paso Heights, North Sacramento-Hagginwood, and South Natomas and heads the Communications Committee. She's a retired teacher and community organizer. Karen is the proud grandma of Hannah, Julia, and Riley.

**Pam Whiteley, Board Member:** Pam is the co-president of the Rancho Cordova Friends, her home library. She joined the FSPL board in November and became part of the Communications Committee.

She volunteers at the Book Den Warehouse as the drama section's second sorter. Pam recently retired after 30 years as assistant to the director of program management at Teledyne Electronics in Rancho Cordova. Pam has been a community activist for many years and also serves as co-president of the Sacramento chapter of Parents, Families, and Friends of Lesbians and Gays (PFLAG), a non-profit support organization. She's also the proud mother of Amy Gilbert and Erik Whiteley and proud mother-in-law of Josh Gilbert.

*Olivia Yasmin, President of the Del Paso Heights Friends shows off her prizes for knowing that "Paws to Read" is the slogan for the 2014 Library Summer Reading Program.*



## A Message from the Library Director

By Rivkah Sass

*What a pity every child couldn't learn to read under a willow tree...*

*~ Elizabeth George Speare*



Do you remember that magical moment when those little black squiggly marks on the page of your book began to make sense? Do you remember what it felt like to decipher these shapes, and the satisfaction of sounding them out into words? I do. That memory is as vivid to me as if it had happened last week. Sitting in Mrs. Moore's first-grade class, practically bouncing up and down as she read the "big blue book" to us, and then—Voila! It all made sense. The shapes were letters, the letters combined into words, and the words told a story. From that September day at my little three-room Rustic School until now, I love those shapes and those stories and what they have meant to my life.

I will always be grateful for the journeys that my love of reading has allowed me to take, whether my destination was learning how to make Napoleons, running away from Thornfield Hall with Jane Eyre, or discovering that Skagen is the northernmost point in Denmark. I'm so glad that every day I am still surrounded by the magic of words, curiosity and learning.

Thanks to the support that Sacramento Public Library receives from our Friends of the Library, we are able to provide books, materials and services that help each of our children discover and love these shapes and squiggles that help to promote their passion for learning. It's truly magical!

**Editor's Note:** Don't miss Danielle Dunn's new film column *Meet Me at the Film Shelf* in our on-line edition of this newsletter at [www.saclibfriends.org](http://www.saclibfriends.org). This month's reviews include: *Once Upon a Time in the West*, *Frances Ha*, *The Bad Sleep Well*, and *Malcolm X*. These films are all available at the Sacramento Public Library.

## 4th Annual Jane Austen Tea Draws 150 People

The Friends were thrilled to sponsor the Fourth Annual Jane Austen Tea. This sold-out event celebrated not only the life of Jane Austen but also the 200th anniversary of her novel, *Pride and Prejudice*. Approximately 150 people attended the event, which took place on the afternoon of December 8, 2013, at the Tsakopoulos Galleria at Central Library.

The Friends sold gently used books and assisted at the door. The Jane Austen Society sponsored a silent auction of several unique and lovely Jane Austen collectibles. Attendees were treated to a light luncheon including tea and an assortment of desserts. Carrie Sessarego, author of *Pride, Prejudice and Popcorn: TV and Film Adaptations of Pride and Prejudice, Wuthering Heights, and Jane Eyre*, gave a short talk on *Pride and Prejudice* as a perfect love story. The performing group "Quite Carried Away"

provided music for dancing, with lessons from Kalia Kliban.



Many thanks to Stephenee Borelli for coordinating this lovely event. We can't wait til next year!

*Period costumes were definitely encouraged at the Jane Austen Tea*

## Friends Warehouse Sales

**Friday, April 4, 5–8 pm**

**Warehouse Sale ~ Members Preview**  
(memberships available at door)

**Saturday, April 5, 9 am–4 pm**

**Saturday, April 12, 9 am–4 pm**

**Warehouse Sale ~ Open to the Public**

8250 Belvedere Ave., Suite E, Sacramento

*Please note there is no parking allowed on the south side of Belvedere.*

**The Book Den** is open every Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, 9 am–2 pm. Gift certificates are available at the Book Den. They are accepted by the Book Den and the Warehouse.

The Book Den and the Friends Warehouse are located at 8250 Belvedere, Suite E, Sacramento. For more information contact [fsl@att.net](mailto:fsl@att.net) or call (916) 731-8493.

To find out about Book Den/Warehouse volunteer openings, please contact: 731-8493 or [spallfriends@gmail.com](mailto:spallfriends@gmail.com).



## Branch Book Sales

**March 8–15**

**South Natomas Friends Book Sale**

During library hours ~ \$6/bag sale on last day  
South Natomas Library

**Tuesday, April 1, 10 am–8 pm**

**Fair Oaks Friends Book Sale**

Fair Oaks Library

**Monday, April 7, 11 am–9 pm**

**Chili's Fundraiser for Del Paso Heights Friends**

Chili's at 2100 Arden Way, Sacramento

Must bring coupon. Get coupon from Kathy Johnson at [thelordisathand@yahoo.com](mailto:thelordisathand@yahoo.com).

**Friday, May 2, 1–6 pm**

**Saturday, May 3, 10 am–5 pm**

Arden-Dimick Friends Book Sale at  
Arden-Dimick Library

In addition to these special book sales, all branch libraries have Friends book sale areas or bookstores that operate during regular library hours. The Rio Linda Friends Store is open on Saturdays from 1-6 pm at 440 Elkhorn Blvd., Suite #7, Rio Linda. The Walnut Grove Book Keeper is open on Thursdays from 1:00-4:30 pm in the Walnut Grove Library.

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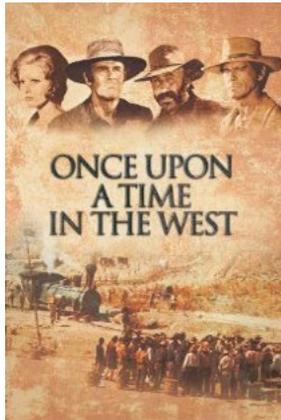
## Meet Me at the Film Shelf

By Danielle Dunn

Hello! Welcome to the new Sacramento Library film review page. Did you know that the Sacramento libraries have movies that you can't find anywhere else in Sacramento? Well, it's true! From now on, I'll be recommending four movies per newsletter: one action, one comedy, one drama, and one documentary or art house film. If you ever want to chat about movies, contact me on twitter @daniemdunn.

Happy viewing,  
Danielle Dunn

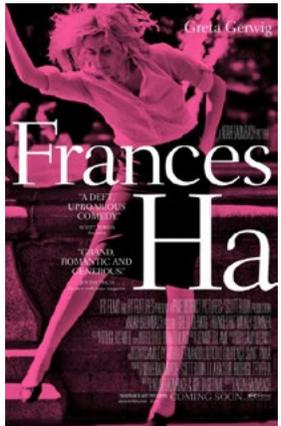
### Action



*Once Upon a Time in the West* is a Spaghetti Western, otherwise known as an Italian-made Western. Sergio Leone, the director, is synonymous with this genre of film. *Once Upon a Time in the West* is a director's movie; it's filled with long, breathtaking visuals but not a lot of dialogue. The beginning is slow, but the

cinematography, soundtrack, and characters make the wait well worth it. Westerns aren't exactly known for having strong female characters, but this one does. If you like photography, or if the name Ennio Morricone means anything to you, check out this film. And if you need a little more reassurance, *Once Upon a Time in the West* is ranked 29 on IMDb's Top 250 List.

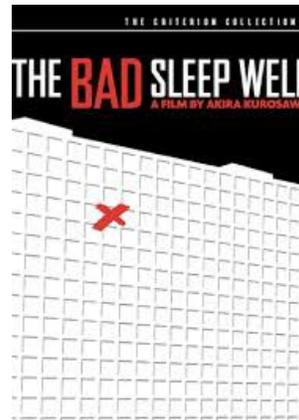
### Comedy



*Frances Ha* is my favorite Noah Baumbach film. It's unmistakably "indie," but it's happier and faster-paced than his other movies, such as *The Squid and The Whale* and *Greenberg*. I credit Greta Gerwig for this change. The Sacramento native co-wrote the film, and she also stars in it. *Frances Ha* is ultimately about two female friends living

in New York City—make sure to note that Frances is reading in the first couple of scenes and Sophie isn't. While it's comparable to *Girls*, it also has a lot in common with Woody Allen's *Manhattan*. Both are shot in black and white and both are odes to NYC. Be warned that you'll probably get that giggly, uncomfortable feeling while watching.

### Drama



I'm sure you've heard of Spielberg, Lucas, Coppola, and Scorsese, but have you heard of Akira Kurosawa? He's the filmmaker who influenced all of the above. Kurosawa was a prolific Japanese filmmaker who created over 70 films in his lifetime. His most famous films include *Seven Samurai* and *Rashomon*, but I'm

writing to tell you about *The Bad Sleep Well*. If you're not bothered by subtitles and you're interested in psychology, philosophy, or history, then this is your movie. Kurosawa builds our understanding of his characters, so by the ending you'll fully understand each one. This movie examines the differences between justice and revenge, and it also gives us a glimpse into post-war Japan. While it is a smidge too long, *The Bad Sleep Well* is worth the time. It's entertaining, socially significant, and oh so profound.

### Biopic



This is Spike Lee's biopic about the Muslim minister and Black Nationalist, Malcolm X. This movie shows every stage of Malcolm X's life from birth to death. It defines the various environments that caused him to change ideologies, and it does so without fabrication. Malcolm X's widow contributed to this script, and Malcolm X

contributed to the biography that the movie is based on. *Malcolm X* fosters understanding, which is why I think it's a must-see; it chronicles the life of a leader who changed race relations forever. It's educational, entertaining, and it's the only film that Nelson Mandela ever acted in.

*The best of my education has come from the public library... my tuition fee is a bus fare and once in a while, five cents a day for an overdue book. You don't need to know very much to start with, if you know the way to the public library.*

~Lesley Conger

*Friends of the Elk Grove Library Presents:*

# THE 2014 DOUG DAVOLT SHORT STORY CONTEST

**ENTRY DEADLINE 5 P.M. APRIL 1**

## SHORT STORY CONTEST RULES

- Contest is open to ages 16 and older.
- Entry fee is \$5.00. Make entry check payable to Friends of the Elk Grove Library.
- Entries may be fiction or non-fiction and not longer than 1,000 words.
- Manuscripts must be typed and double-spaced.
- Final word count should be written at the top of the title page.
- Name, address, phone number, and manuscript title should be written on a 3x5 card and attached to the entry. Do not put your name on manuscript.
- Submissions will not be returned.
- **Deadline for entries is 5 p.m., Tuesday, April 1, 2014.**

## WINNERS WILL RECEIVE CASH PRIZES OF:

First place – \$100  
Second place – \$75  
Third place – \$50

## MAIL OR BRING THE MANUSCRIPT TO:

Elk Grove Library  
8900 Elk Grove Blvd., Elk Grove, CA 95624

## AWARDS CEREMONY

Prizes will be awarded on **Saturday, April 12, 1 – 3 p.m.** in the Community Room of the Elk Grove library. There will be a panel presentation of four local authors :

- Shirley Parenteau – children
- Elaine Faber – cozy mystery
- Nan Mahon – mystery
- Michele Dier – vampire.

Their books will be available for sale and autographing.

The event is open to the public and free of charge. You do not have to submit a story to attend. Refreshments will be served.

## FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT:

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